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Washer Door or Lid Defined by a Tempered Glass  
Panel Bordered by an Open Frame-Like Encapsulation  
of One-Piece Injection Molded Polymeric/Copolymeric  
Synthetic Plastic Material

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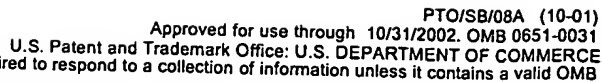
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